GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is constant and steady increase in the exodus of Indians from the country in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of offices of Protectors of Immigrants functioning in the country,location- wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to open more offices of Protectors of Immigrants in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof including the locations identified for the same; and

(f) the time by which the new offices are likely to be opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) : There has been an increase in the workers outflow from the country in the recent years. The details of emigration clearance taken for employment during the last three years is given hereunder:

Year	No. of workers (in lakhs)
2004	4.75
2005	5.49
2006	6.77

(c): There are 8 offices of the Protectors of Emigrants under the administrative control of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. These offices are located in the cities of Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Cochin, Thiruvananthapuram & Hyderabad.

(d) to (f) : At present there is no proposal to open more offices of the Protectors of Emigrants.